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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR US-USSR TOURISM AGREEMENT

1. EUR/SOV ON JULY 20 CALLED IN SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST
SECRETARY TREPYKHALIN AND USSR TRADE REPRESENTATIVE LEGAL
ADVISER TISHCHENKO TO PRESENT A NOTE PROPOSING NEGOTIATION
OF TOURISM AGREEMENT. THE TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS. BEGIN
TEXT: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE STATES THE FOLLOWING TO THE
EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS: SINCE
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BECAME A SIGNATORY TO THE
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FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN
EUROPE, IT HAS SOUGHT PRACTICAL STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE
SECTION OF THE FINAL ACT ON TOURISM. IN THE SPIRIT OF
PRINCIPLE NINE OF THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONS SIGNED
MAY 29, 1972, ARTICLE XIV OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
CULTURAL RELATIONS SIGNED JUNE 19, 1973, AND THE JOINT
STATEMENT SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1974 AT THE CONCLUSION

OF THE VISIT TO THE USSR OF THEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
COMMERCE FOR TOURISM WASHBURN, THIS GOVERNMENT BELIEVES A
CONCRETE STEP FORWARD WOULD BE THE CONCLUSION OF A TOURISM
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN THIS GOVERNMENT'S
VIEW, SUCH AN AGREEMENT SHOULD BE MORE THAN A DECLARATION

OF INTENT TO INCREASE TOURISM, AND SHOULD CONTAIN CONCRETE
PROVISIONS TO ENSURE THAT SUCH INCREASES ACTUALLY OCCUR.
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING
THE VIEWS OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE
POSSIBILITY OF ENTERING INTO SUCH A BILATERAL TOURISM
AGREEMENT. END TEXT.

2. WE NOTED THAT THE CONCEPT OF A TOURISM AGREEMENT HAD
BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE RECENT US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC
COUNCIL AND THAT THE SOVIET REACTION HAD BEEN FAVORABLE.
WE INDICATED OUR INTEREST IN PROMOTING TOURISM, PARTICULARLY
IN INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SOVIET TOURISTS TO THE US. WE
AWAITED SOVIET RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSAL TO NEGOTIATE
AGREEMENT. VANCE

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